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1. TELCON WITH WASHINGTON STATE TRADE PROMOTION STAFF IN OLYMPIA PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION;THE KHABAROVSK TRADE FAIR WILL RUN 10 DAYS FROM MAY 19 THRU 29. TEN PACIFIC NORTHWEST FIRMS HAVE SIGNED UP AS EXHIBITORS, REPRESENTING PRINCIPALLY MINING, FISHERIES AND FOREST PRODUCTS RELATED INDUSTRIES. EM3ASSY CORRECT IN ASSUMING THIS

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FIRST SUCH FAIR SPONSORED BY US COMPANIES TO BE HELD IN

SOVIET FAR EAST. FAIR COMES AS DIRECT RESULT OF US PACIFIC NORTHWEST STATES' EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THEIR TRADE TIES WITH USSR, PARTICULARLY WITH FAR EAST REGION. THESE EFFORTS HAVE ALREADY PRODUCED SEVERAL COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES IN BOTH DIRECTIONS.

2. GOVERNOR DAN EVANS WILL LEAD WASHINGTON STATE TRADE MISSION TO USSR TO COINCIDE WITH AND PROVIDE ADDED ATTRACTION AFTER FAIR OPENING; ETA Khabarovsk MAY 22. IN LINE WITH EMBASSY SUGGESTION, EVANS HAS SENT A LETTER OF INVITATION TO SENATOR MAGNUSON. MISSION WILL ALSO VISIT SEVERAL OTHER SOVIET CITIES, INCLUDING SEATTLE'S SISTER CITY, TASHKENT.

3. FAIR ORGANIZERS INDICATED TO BEWT THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EMBASSY AT FAIR AND WE CONCUR, AVAILABILITY OF USCOM STAFF AND FUNDS PERMITTING. BEWT WOULD PREFER TO COORDINATE COMMERCIAL OFFICE CONTACT WITH FAIR ORGANIZERS. HOWEVER, WE WOULD NOT OBJECT IF FOR REASONS OF TIME, COMMERCIAL OFFICE CONTACTED FAIR ORGANIZERS DIRECTLY BY TELEX, AS LONG AS BEWT KEPT INFORMED. BEWT WILL MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH USDOC DISTRICT OFFICE SEATTLE

4. CONVERSATIONS HAVE BEEN HELD BETWEEN WASHINGTON STATE AND USSR CONGEN AT SAN FRANCISCO RE POSSIBILITY HAVING AEROFLOT PROVIDE SEATTLE TO Khabarovsk FLIGHT FOR TRADE FAIR PARTICIPANTS AND EXHIBITS WITH PERHAPS STOPOVER AT VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, TO DEDICATE PLAQUE MARKING TOUCHDOWN POINT OF FIRST TRANS-PACIFIC FLIGHT (A RUSSIAN PLANE AND CREW) AS PART OF VANCOUVER'S 150 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. USSR CONGEN SAN FRANCISCO HAS THUS FAR HAD NO RESPONSE.

5. GOVERNOR EVANS SUPPORTS IDEA OF SEPARATE SPECIAL FLIGHT BY BOEING TO CARRY THE GOVERNOR'S MISSION TO Khabarovsk ETA MAY 22. IT IS RELATIVELY CERTAIN BOEING HAS NOT YET CONTACTED SOVIETS. BOEING AIRCRAFT COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT DIVISION PRESIDENT E. H. BOUILLON AND SR. VP KENNETH LUPLOW WILL BE IN MOSCOW MARCH 17-20 FOR ONGOING DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIETS ON USE OF BOEING EQUIPMENT. THEY WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS Khabarovsk SITUATION WITH EMBASSY PRIOR TO APPROACHING SOVIETS ABOUT SPECIAL FLIGHT. ROBINSON

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